

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 21, 1962

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR

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☐ CLASSIFY as \_\_\_\_\_ IS authority to:

Please obtain urgently (appointment before midnight with \_\_\_\_\_ OADR  
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your respective heads of government to deliver the following message:

(Text) "The President has instructed me to tell you:

1) The United States has recently obtained evidence that  
Soviets <sup>have been in the process of installing</sup> have installed offensive missiles in Cuba, some of which  
may already be operational. He is preparing to impose a blockade  
on Cuba to prevent the Soviets from introducing more missiles.

2) He is making available intelligence experts so that they  
may accompany me <sup>The Ambassador</sup> to your office at your earliest convenience /  
tomorrow when we can provide a complete briefing on this development.  
At that time I will also have a personal letter for you from the  
President and the text of a public statement he proposes to make  
Monday evening (Washington time). "

For Paris: Acheson arriving with intelligence experts to  
brief General De Gaulle. ETA Evreux Field approximately 0200 hours  
local time, 22 October. Inform Finletter Acheson will also brief  
NAC under instructions to follow.

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~~Immediately~~ Execute instructions Circ 705 700  
immediately on receipt this message  
~~without delay~~

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For London: Intelligence expert arriving Greenham Common approximately 2345 hours local time, 21 October, to assist Ambassador in briefing Macmillan.

For Bonn: Ambassador Dowling with intelligence expert arriving Köln-Bonn approximately 0330 hours local time, 22 October, to brief the Chancellor.

For all embassies: Imperative repeat imperative language this matter be restricted to yourself, your secretary and DCM. Further detailed instructions in process preparation.

Emphasize to Head of Government that no information on this <sup>MATTER</sup> decision must come out of his capital before President's speech there be 22 October, 1900 hours Washington time, and that/no indication of the existence of new facts on Cuba before announcement which will be made in Washington, 21 October, 1500 hours Washington time. If you cannot reach Head of Government, do not deliver message to anyone else. Report urgently.

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